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Introduced by Senator Loren B. Legarda

RESOLUTION

**RAISING THE ALARM ON THE IMPENDING SUSPENSION OF
CERTAIN ROUTES OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL RAILWAYS DUE
TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTH-SOUTH COMMUTER
RAILWAY (NSCR) WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING
ACCESSIBLE ALTERNATIVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
ALL AFFECTED PASSENGERS**

WHEREAS, the Philippine National Railways (PNR) will be suspending operations of certain routes for up to five (5) years to facilitate the faster construction of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR);

WHEREAS, the fifty-five (55) kilometer North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) will connect the provinces north of Luzon to areas that are south of Luzon through the PNR line;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) stated that a study revealed that the operation of the PNR is a cause of delay for the construction of the NSCR. Further, DOTr relayed that their study showed that the suspension of selected PNR operations will hasten the extensive construction project by eight (8) months;

WHEREAS, PHP 15.18 billion worth of electric costs and other utility costs will be saved following the suspension of PNR's operations;

WHEREAS, the routes that will be suspended this May are the routes between Governor Pascual, Malabon City and Calamba, Laguna, as well as Alabang, Muntinlupa City and Calamba, Laguna. Meanwhile, the Tutuban-Alabang route will be suspended on October;

WHEREAS, the PNR's daily ridership is currently estimated to be between 20,000-25-000 passengers;

WHEREAS, there are 30,000 passengers estimated to be affected by the suspension of operations, with 2,000 passengers affected by the Alabang to Calamba route and with majority of the affected passengers being those that have been regularly using the Makati to Tutuban route;

WHEREAS, the DOTr plans to issue special franchises to select buses in order to address the demand. Further, the DOTr and the PNR have sought the help of the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) to provide alternative modes of transportation during the duration of the suspension;

WHEREAS, the welfare of the riding public should always be prioritized yet it remains to be seen whether such proposed solutions would effectively and sufficiently address the riding public's urgent demands in time for the imminent suspension of the operations of the PNR;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines raises the alarm on the impending suspension of certain routes of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) due to the construction of the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) with the end in view of ensuring accessible alternative modes of transportation for all affected passengers.

Adopted,


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